UNITED NATIONS

DP

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Distr.
GENERAL

DP/CP/PAR/5/EXTENSION I
16 July 1997

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Third regular session 1997
15-19 September 1997
Item 6 of the provisional agenda

COUNTRY COOPERATION FRAMEWORK AND RELATED MATTERS

EXTENSION OF THE FIFTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR PARAGUAY

Note by the Administrator

1. The fifth country programme for Paraguay (1992-1996) was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session in May 1992.

2. The mid-term review programme, undertaken in 1994, confirmed the validity of the concentration areas: modernization of the State; human development; and sustainable development of natural resources.

3. The Government wishes to synchronize UNDP programming activities with its own planning cycle and take into account changes in both the national authorities responsible for economic and social planning and the focal point for international technical cooperation activities. Therefore, after corresponding consultations, it has been agreed that the formulation of the first country cooperation framework will be completed in 1997 and submitted to the March 1998 session of the Executive Board.

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the fifth country programme for Paraguay for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1997.

97-19716 (E) 010897

3. In 1997 the Special Committee has devoted further attention to the question and discussed it informally with the administering Powers, that is, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, respectively. An agreement was included in General Assembly resolution 51/224, adopted without a vote on 27 March 1997. The Special Committee had also discussed the matter in depth in connection with the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/486), including a presentation at the meeting of the Special Committee by the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, a report of the Special Committee on the subject (A/AC.109/2085), as well as a letter from the Chairman of the Special Committee addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/220).

4. The report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services clearly indicated that there were no financial irregularities or misuse of funds. However, the Special Committee considered that some of the erroneous conclusions in the report should have been avoided and the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services pledged to take into consideration the concerns of the Special Committee. Nevertheless, the Special Committee has again reviewed the seminars, which are still considered to be an essential component of its work.